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"PLANARIZATION METHOD FOR DEEP SUB MICRON
SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION PROCESS"

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RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003 please consider
the following arguments:

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